

Remarks

In response to the office action mailed on April 8, 2003, setting forth an election/restriction requirement, Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-9 and 31-38 without prejudice and elects claims 10-30 to remain pending in the instant application.

In a telephone interview with the Examiner, it is Applicant's understanding that the Examiner has agreed to revise his statement in the election/restriction requirement indicating that claims 10-30 are not necessarily drawn to a method for creating corneal flap using mechanical keratome, as that limitation is present only in a dependent claim of the elected claim group.

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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